High Court Bench in Sambalpur

1352. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a separate bench of Orissa High Court at Sambalpur;

(b) whether the proposal is likely to be implemented during 2003-2004;

(c) if not, by when; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C. THOMAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The setting up of a Bench of a High Court away from its principal seat is considered on the receipt of a complete proposal from the concerned State Government with the consent of the Chief Justice of that High Court.

High Court Benches at Rajkot and Surat

1353. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the matter of establishment of High Court benches at Rajkot and Surat in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government are considering to amend section 51(3) and other relevant provisions of the State Reorganisation Act to pave the way for establishment of benches of High Courts;

(c) if so, by when such amendments would be introduced in Parliament; and

(d) the proposals received for establishment of High Court benches in various States; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C. THOMAS): (a) to (d) The setting up of a Bench of a High Court away from its principal seat is considered on the receipt of a complete proposal from the concerned State Government with the consent of the Chief Justice of that High Court.

The Government has received complete proposals for setting up Benches of the Madras High Court and the Calcutta High Court respectively. Accordingly, it is proposed to establish a Bench of the Madras High Court at Madurai and a Bench of the Calcutta High Court at Jalpaiguri, after infrastructural facilities like court buildings, accommodation for Judges etc. are provided by the respective State Governments to the satisfaction of the High Court.

As regards Guajrat, the State Government had requested the Chief Justice, Gujarat High Court for setting up a Bench of the High Court at Rajkot and Surat. The Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court had opined that it would not be in the interest of the institution to have a circuit Bench of the High Court at Rajkot or at Surat.

Law commission

†1354. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of Constitution of Law Commission and the qualifications of its present Chairman and the Members;

(b) the number and details of recommendations made by the Commission for improvement in Indian Penal Code;

(c) the action taken thereon, especially the status of the recommendations made with regard to the crimes against women; and

(d) the reasons for dealy in implementation of the recommendations made for improvement in Indian Penal Code and the remedial action being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C. THOMAS): (a) The Law Commission is constituted for the following purposes:-

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.